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layer 80 is removed and the insert 20 is firmly pressed into the absorbent garment so that it will be properly positioned.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 15, and 16.

Please rewrite the following claims as shown. An appendix is attached showing the changes to the following claims.

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1. (Amended) An absorbent insert for use with an absorbent garment, the insert comprising:

a body-facing outer surface and a garment-facing outer surface, said garment-facing outer surface being at least partially fluid permeable;

at least one absorbent layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface; and

at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer adapted to substantially affect the flow of fluid passing through the insert, said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface;

wherein the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer is less than the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of the largest of said at least one absorbent layer.

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12. (Amended) An absorbent insert for use with an absorbent garment, the insert comprising:

a body-facing cover layer and a garment-facing cover layer, said garment-facing cover layer being at least partially fluid permeable;

at least one absorbent layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface, said at least one absorbent layer positioned between said body-facing cover layer and said garment-facing cover layer; and

at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface, said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer adapted to substantially affect the flow of fluid through the insert, said continuous fluid impermeable delay layer positioned between said body-facing cover layer and said garment-facing cover layer;

wherein the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer is less than the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of the largest of said at least one absorbent layer.

19. (Amended) An absorbent system comprising:

an absorbent garment adapted to be worn by a user, said absorbent garment having a body-facing surface and an outward-facing surface; and

an absorbent insert for use with an absorbent garment, said absorbent insert including:

a body-facing outer surface and a garment-facing outer surface, said garment-facing outer surface being at least partially fluid permeable;

at least one absorbent layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface; and

at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer adapted to substantially affect the flow of fluid passing through the insert, said at least one

continuous fluid impermeable delay layer having a first primary surface and a second primary surface;

wherein the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of said at least one continuous fluid impermeable delay layer is less than the surface area of each of said primary surfaces of the largest of said at least one absorbent layer.

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